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SUBJECT: OPERATION TRIZO: WEEKLY REPORT #15 (2-27 - 3-4-76)

1. SUMMARY: ZONE I CONTINUES TO BE MOST ACTIVE AREA OF CAMPAIGN. THERE IS LITTLE EVIDENCE OF OPIUM GROWING IN ZONE II AND ZONE III; HOWEVER, WE EXPECT THERE WILL BE OPIUM FIELDS CULTIVATED IN THESE AREAS DURING MONTH OF APRIL. THIS WAS ANOTHER IMPRESSIVE ERADICATION WEEK IN ZONE I. 1,958 OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED, OF WHICH 1,922 WERE DESTROYED BY USE OF HERBICIDE. END SUMMARY.

2. ERADICATION:

(A) STATISTICAL SUMMARY

ZONE I - STATE OF SONORA, SINALOA, DURANGO AND CHIHUAHUA:

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERXICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 1,822

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 5,773,902

PLANTS DESTROYED - 89,066,711

HECTARES - 577.4

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OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 136
SQ METER DESTROYED - 252,457
PLANTS DESTROYED - 6,460,477
HECTARES - 25.3

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 50
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 96,011
PLANTS DESTROYEDH- 1,713,905
HECTARES - 9.6

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 29
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 83,425
PLANTS DESTROYED - 1,321,750
HECTARES - 8.3

ZONE II - STATES OF JALISCO, NAYARIT, COLIMA, ZACATECAS AND
MICHOACAN

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 39
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 14,550
PLANTS DESTROYED - 146,000
HECTARES - 1.5

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

NONE

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 2
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 450
PLANTS DESTROYED - 4,500
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HECTARES - .05

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

NONE

ZONE III - STATES FO GUERRERO, MORELOS & OAXACA

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

NONE

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 12
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 18,975
PLANTS DESTROYED - 18,975
HECTARES - 1.9

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

NONE

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

NONE

(B) TOTAL CUMULATIVE ERADICATION STATISTICS (ALL 3 ZONES)

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 11,089
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 29,309,865
HECTARES - 2,931

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 2,977
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 10,144,292
PLANTS DESTROYED - 90,877,153
HECTARES - 1,014.4
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MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 773
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 2,418,338
PLANTS DESTROYED - 1,718,405
HECTARES - 241.8

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 1,266
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 4,090,342
PLANTS DESTROYED - 96,120,237
HECTARES - 409

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(C) PERSONNEL DSPLOYMENT

BOTH IN ZONE I AND II INTERDICTION PHASE OF CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN. IN ZONE I, USING SOLIDERS FOR SUPPORT, MFJP ARE UTILIZING SEARCH AND DSTROY TACTICS. MOVEMENT OF SOLDIERS IS MADE DAY BEFORE TO VICINITY OF AREA THAT WILL BE APPROACHED AND INCOORDINATION WITH A PERDETERMINED SIGNAL AND TIME, THE GROUND TROOPS WILL APPROACH THE FARMING COMMUNITIES THAT ARE IN PROXIMITY TO THE OPIUM FIELDS ASSISTED BY A HELICOPTER THAT IS REPORTING THE MOVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE AT THE FARMING COMMUNITIES. THE REASON FOR THIS ACTION IS THAT PREVIOUSLY WHEN THE ARMY TROOPS OR MFJP ARRIVED A THE FARMING COMMUNITIES, THE ADULT MALES HAD LEFT THE AREA WHEN THEY HEARD THE HELICOPTER APPROACHING. THIS TYPE OF OPERATION DOES NOT ENTAIL THE USE OF MORE SOLDIERS AND THE ADVANTAGES ARE THAT MOVING THE SOLDIERS FROM ONE POINT TO ANOTHER CREATES THE APPEARANCE THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF FEDERAL TROOPS IN THE AREA. A SIMILAR OPERATION IS BEING CONDUCTED IN ZONE II. IN ZONE III THE 27TH MILITARY ZONE IS OPERATING THEIR PATROL SYSTEM AND MAINTAINING PRESENCES IN THE MOUNTAINS CONSTANTLY.

E. AVIATION OPERATIONS

REPORTING PERIOD: FEB. 27 THRU MARCH 4, 1976

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1. AG AIRCRAFT HOURS FLOWN AND AVAILABILITY.

A. MODEL 212: 188:34 HRS/MINS FLOWN, AVAILABILITY: 54.4 PERCENT
NOTE: MICRO FOIL UNITS: 71:02 HRS/MINS FLOWN

B. MODEL 206-B: 76:24 HRS/MINS FLOWN, AVAILABILITY: 45.6 PERCENT
NOTE: UNABLE TO COMPUTE SIMPLEX II SPRAY TIME AS BOOMS
OCCASIONALLY WERE REMOVED FROM SPRAY UNITS TO MEET OTHER
OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

C. CESSNA 185: 42:07 HRS/MINS FLOWN, AVAILABILITY: 73.7 PERCENT

D. AERO COMMANDER: 28:55 HRS/MINS FLOWN, AVAILABILITY: 60.2 PERCENT

TOTAL HOURS FLOWN: 336.00 HRS

NOTE: THE DROP IN AVAILABILITY PERCENTAGES COMES AS NO SURPRISE
AS IT WAS ANTICIPATED FOUR MONTHS AGO THAT SEVERAL 600 AND
1,000 HOUR INSPECTIONS WOULD COME DUE DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH.

2. DEPLOYMENT OF AIRCRAFT IN ZONE I:

SAME AS PREVIOUS REPORT. CULIACANA REMAINS THE CENTRAL BASE
WITH AIRCRAFT DEPLOYED TO MAZATLAN, CHOIX, SAN JOSE DE LLANO
AND TOPIS.

3. MAINTENANCE:

A. AVIATION ADVISOR CURRENTLY WORKING ON THE MAINTENANCE
SYSTEM WITH AG COUNTERPARTS FOR THE CESSNA CITIATION.

B. THE AG AERO SERVICES CHIEF OF MAINTENANCE (LOPEZ)
ASSIGNED TO CULIACAN CONTINUES TO PERFORM IN AN OUTSTANDING
MANNER. HIS RAPPORT WITH BOTH AMERICAN AND COLOMBIAN
TEHCNICIANS HAS RESULTED IN A PRODUCTIVE EFFORT WITH THEIR
MEXICAN COUNTERPARTS.

C. THE VERGREEN EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN (ATKINS)
ASSIGNED TO CULIACAN IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE HARDEST WORKING
AMERICAN IN ZONE I, WORKING AN AVERAGE OF TWELVE HOURS PER DAY.

D. THE AG AERO SERVICES CHIEF OF MAINTENANCE
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(LT. PLATA) EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION WITH HIS MAINTENANCE
PERSONNEL IN ZONE I UPON HIS RETURN FROM A FIVE DAY TDY TO

CULIACAN. HE NOTED THAT IN THE PAST THE WORK REQUIREMENTS WERE DEMANDING WITH NO PAY INCENTIVE FOR THE LONG HOURS AND DIFFICULT WORKING CONDITIONS, WHICH RESULTED IN A SERIOUS MORALE PROBLEM. HE UNDERScores THE DIFFERENTIAL PAY FOR THE MECHANICS AS THE PRIME FACTOR FOR INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY.

NOTE: NAY PROGRAM OFFICER CASUALLY DISCUSSED THE PAY DIFFERENCE WITH SOME OF THE MECHANICS DURING RECENTS TDYS TO ZONE I AND ALL OF THE MECHANICS INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO WORK LONGER NOW THAT THEIR EFFORTS WERE FINALLY BEING RECOGNIZED AND REMUNERATED.

4. AVIATION

A. THE AG SENIOR STAFF PLANNED, DEVELOPED AND IS RELIGIOUSLY IMPLEMENTING THE ROTATION SYSTEM FOR PILOTS BASED ON 20 DAYS OF WORK, FIVE DAYS AT HOME FOR R&R AND FIVE DAYS AT THE AG HANGAR FOR FLIGHT ASSIGNMENTS AS REQUIRED, PRIOR TO RETURNING TO THEIR BASE. THIS PLAN HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE PAST BUT HAD NEVER BEEN UTILIZED UNTIL DR. GERTZ' SENIOR STAFF TOOK ACTION.

B. FOLLOWING THE RECENT STOL ACCIDENT AVIATION ADVISOR IS IN CONTACT WITH WASHDC TO OBTAIN THE SERVICES OF ANOTHER INSTRUCTOR/PILOT IN ORDER TO RESUME THE TRAINING FOR THE STOL PILOTS. FURTHER PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED IN MEXICO CITY DICTATED THAT BOTH STOL TRAINEES REQUIRED A SHORT RECOVERY PERIOD AT HOME DUE TO RIB AND CHEST INJURIES WHICH WERE DISCOVERED LATER.

C. CAPTAIN PERTIDA REPLACED CPATAIN LOMELI AS THE CHIEF OF AVIATION OPERATIONS IN ZONE I WHILE LOMELI WAS ON A SHORT R&R. THE SITUATION BETWEEN THE VERGREEN CONTRACT PILOTS AND THEIR MEXICAN COUNTERPARTS TOOK AN IMMEDIATE CHANGE FOR THE BETTER WHICH INDICATES THAT PERSONALITIES WERE A PRIME FACTOR IN PAST DIFFERENCES.

D. GENERALLY, AVIATION OPERATIONS IN ZONE I ARE NOW ON THE DECLINE AS THE HERBICIDE SPRAYING PROGRESS EXCEEDED AG SENIOR STAFF EXPECTATIONS.

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E. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT DURING THISIH CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN THE 180 DEGREE TURN FOR TRADITIONAL LABOR INTENSIVE DESTRUCTION METHODS TO ALMOST TOTAL DEPENDENCE ON THE AERIAL SPRAYING OF HERBICIDES.

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F. MOPSS AND OTHER DETECTIVE SYSTEMS:

1. OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

A. MISSION 65 FLOWN 25 FEB OVER THE MOHINOR/
CERRO DEL TRISTE AREA ACQUIRED FOUR MULTI-SPECTRAL (M) PHOTO
FLIGHT LINES IN THE 1:15 MINUTES THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS OVER
THE AREA. SIXTY-SIX LIVE FIELDS WERE DETECTED, IDENTIFIED
AND LOCATED ALONG WITH 27 MORE PROBABLES. (NOTE: MISSION 38
ON 5 JAN WAS THE FIRST MOPS MISSION FLOWN THIS CALENDAR YEAR.)

B.

ON 1 MARCH, MISSION 66 WAS FLOWN OVER THE AREA
BETWEEN BADIRAGUATO AND LLANO GRANDE (SINALOA). TEN FLIGHT
LINES WERE ACCOMPLISHED INDICATING A MOVE TO INCREASE THE
PRODUCTIVITY OF EACH SORTIE. INLOADING THE CAMERA MAGAZINE
BEFORE FLIGHTS, THE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHER INADVERTENTLY LOADED
THE MS FILM IN THE MAPPING CAMERA AND VICE VERSA. THE
RESULTS: A BUSTED MISSION WITH MAPPING INFORMATION BUT NO
MS DATA. THIS SORTIE WAS TO HAVE BEEN THE FIRST OF A SERIES
OF VERIFICATION MISSIONS DIRECTED BY PROGRAM COORDINATOR DURAN.
THIS MISSION AREA WAS SELECTED FOR THE FIRST VERIFICATION SORTIE
BECAUSE A DEA REP HAS ACCOMPANIES HELICOPTER SPRAY MISSIONS THERE
ON TWO DIFFERENT DAYS LAST WEEK. HE PROVIDED THE MOPS UNIT
DETAILS OF MISSION PLANNING INFO SUCH AS SPECIFIC AREAS SPRAYED,
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SPRAY DATES, AND HERBICIDE MIXTURES USED -- DESIRES INFO NOT AVAILABLE THROUGH THE LOOSE MEXICAN REPORTING SYSTEM. THIS TYPE INFO IS NECESSARY TO HELP THE MOPS PHOTO ANALYST GAIN EXPERIENCE EARLY IN VERIFYING RECENTLY SPRAYED AND DEAD FIELDS.

C. THREE MS PHOTO MISSIONS WERE ATTEMPTED OVER THE GENERAL AREA AS MISSION 66 ON MARCH 2 AND 3. CLOUD COVER OVER THE TARGET AREA CAUSED ONE MISSION TO ABORT AND THE OTHER TWO TO DIVERT TO SECONDARY VISUAL SCOUTING MISSIONS.

D. COMPLETED ANALYSIS OF DATA FROM MISSION 64 FLOWN THE LAST REPORTING PERIOD OVER THE RIO HUAMAYA PROVIDED A TOTAL OF 42 LIVE FIELDS AND AN ADDITIONAL 24 PROBABLES.

E. ONTRAC 2 NAVIGATION SYSTEM TRAINING FOR THE FOUR PILOTS REMAINS INCOMPLETE. INFO OTHER THAN THAT AVAILABLE LAST WEEK INDICATES THAT TWO PILOTS (PACHECO AND OLIVARIA) HAVE EACH HAD ABOUT FIVE HOURS OF TRAINING FROM TOM HENDERSON, ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS CORP REP. OLIVARIA HAS NOT BEEN TOLD THAT HE HAS FULLY CHECKED-OUT AND PACHECO WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT. THE OTHER TWO PILOTS (MOSQUEDA AND ARANO) HAVE HAD NO ONTRAC 2 TRAINING. THE PILOTS ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO GO ON LEAVE AS FOLLOWS: PACHECO ON OR ABOUT 22 MARCH, MOSQUEDA ON OR ABOUT 14 MARCH, ARANA ON OR ABOUT 5 MARCH, AND OLIVARIA 22 MARCH, BUT HE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CULIACAN AREA.

2. MAINTENANCE

A. ONE MOPS MISSION PLANNED FOR 27 FEB ON AERO COMMANDER XC-BEL WAS CANCELLED DUE TO THE SAME UNCLEARED HYDRAULIC AND TRIM DISCREPANCIES REPORTED LAST WEEK. PARTS WERE ORDERED AND THE AIRCRAFT REPAIRED, TEST FLOWN AND CALLED IN COMMISSION FOR MISSION 66 MARCH 1.

B. AERO COMMANDER XC-GOZ WAS RETURNED FROM MEXICO CITY 2 MARCH FROM ITS 400-HOUR INSPECTION. IT WAS AWAY FROM CULIACAN 12 DAYS ON AN INSPECTION WHICH THE AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURER STATES SHOULD TAKE ABOUT 40 MAN HOURS.

3. PLANS

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AS INDICATED IN PARA 1B ABOVE, MEXICAN REPORTING IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED TO PROVIDE FOR GOOD VERIFICATION MISSION PLANNING. PROGRAM COORDINATOR DURAN'S STAFF HAS MADE NO MOVE TO ASSIST THE MOPS UNIT IN DEVELOPING A VERIFICATION

PROGRAM, OTHER THAN TO ASSIGN THE GENERAL AREA CULIACAN-TO-CHOIX TO MOPS. QUINONES AND ZAPATA OF THE MOPS UNIT WERE BROUGHT TOGETHER WITH DEA PILOTS OPERATING FROM LOS MOCHIS AND MAZATLAN AND THE VERGREEN PILOT OPERATING FROM CHOIX TO GET THE STRAIGHT WORD AND ASK QUESTIONS IF NECESSARY. THE MOPS UNIT HAS ENOUGH INFO NOW RELATIVE TO SPRAY DATES, CHEMICAL MIXTURES USED, AND SPECIFIC AREAS WORKED AROUND CHOIX AND IN THE MAZATLAN AREA NORTH OF 24 DEGREES NORTH, TO BEGIN VERIFICATION THERE AND TO LEARN AS THEY GO HOW TO RECOGNIZE RECENTLY SPRAYED AND DESTROYED FIELDS.

4. RECURRING PROBLEMS

MEXICAN HIGHER AUTHORITIES CONTINUE TO PREEMPT PLANNED AERO COMMANDER MS MISSIONS. AS REPORTED LAST WEEK, SIX RECENT MS MISSIONS WERE CANCELLED DUE TO THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S ORDER TO FLY SIX VISUAL SCOUT MISSIONS.

G. COMMUNICATIONS

A. INSTALLTION OF SSB BASE STATION WERE COMPLETED IN ZONE I, NOW LINKING CULIACAN WITH LOS MOCHIS, TOPIA, SAN JOSE DEL LLANO, MAZATLAN, GUAMUCHIL AND DURANGO CITY.

B. AN ADDITIONAL BASE STATION WAS TEMPORARILY INSTALLED IN ONE OF THE MOPSS VANS LOCATED AT THE CULIACAN AIRPORT; THIS NOW PROVIDES DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE ZONE BASES AND WITH THE AG HANGAR IN MEXICO CITY.

C. PORTABLE BATTER OPERATED HF-SSB UNITS WITH FREQUENCIES WHICH ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THE BASE STATIONS AND RW AIRCRAFT HF RADIOS WERE DISTRIBUTED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS INDICATED BY LIC. DURAN ZAMBRANO, ZONE I ERADICATION CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR FOR THE AG OFFICE.

D. AG AVIONICS TECHNICIAN (TERRONES) WAS IN CHARGE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE INSTALLTIONS WITH TECHNICAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY USG TDY TECHNICIANS. UNDOUBTEDLY, THE LEADTIME FOR THE HF-SSB NETWORK INSTALLATIONS COULD HAVE BEEN DECREASED IF THE ENG. JIMINEZ VARGAS CONTRACT PROBLEM COULD HAVE BEEN RESOLVED SOONER.

E. THE HF-SSB NOW PROVIDES A VITAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK FOR EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION ACTIVITIES IN THE NORTHWESTERN SECTOR AND ALSO PROVIDES A CRITICAL LINK WITH THE MEXICO CITY AG HQS.

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H. HERBICIDES

1. DURING RECENT TDYS TO OBSERVE AND DISCUSS THE ERADICATION ACTIVITIES IN ZONE I, THE FOLLOWING POINTS WERE COVERED BY A JOINT GROUP WHICH AT DIFFERENT TIMES WAS COMPRISED OF DEA, NAU, AG, EVERGREEN, AG AERO SERVICES AND MOPSS REPRESENTATIVES.

A. THE MODEL 212 SPRAYS ABOUT THREE TIMES AS MUCH GROUND AREA PER LOAD AS DOES THE 206. HOWEVER, SHORTER TURN-AROUND TIME FOR THE 206 RESULTS IN AN OVERALL PRODUCTIVITY RATIO OF ABOUT 1.5 TO 1 IN FAVOR OF THE 212.

THE MICRO-FOIL SPRAYS SIX-TENTHS OF A GALLON OF ACTUAL HERBICIDE (2-4-D) PER ACRE AND COVERS 25 ACRES (ABOUT 10 HECTARES) PER LOAD WITH APPROXIMATELY 300 GALLONS OF MIXTURE (BOTH HERBICIDE AND WATER).

HOWEVER, UNDER NORMAL OPERATING CONDITIONS, THE BELL 212 REQUIRES AN AVERAGE OF 45/50 MINUTES TO SPRAY A LOAD OF CHEMICAL AS OPPOSED 20/25 MINUTES FOR THE BELL 206 TO SPRAY AN AVERAGE LOAD OF CHEMICAL. THUS FOR EVERY THREE LOADS SPRAYED BY THE BELL 212, THE BELL 206 WILL SPRAY FIVE LOADS.

IN TERMS OF LITERS/HECTARES, THIS EQUALS 5.94 LITERS OF ACTUAL HERBICIDE (2-4-D) PER HECTARE SPRAYED BY MICROFOIL, AND COVERS 10.1 HECTARES PER LOAD WITH APPROXIMATELY 1,860 LITERS OF MIXTURE (BOTH HERBICIDE AND WATER).

THE SIMPLEX II SPRAYS .57 GALLON OF ACTUAL HERBICIDE (2-4-D) PER ACRE AND COVERS 8.65 ACRES PER LOAD WITH 9.8

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GALLONS OF MIXTURE (BOTH HERBICIDE AND WATER). IN TERMS OF LITERS/HECTARES, THIS EQUALS 5.7 LITERS OF ACTUAL HERBICIDE (2-4-D) PER HECTARE AND COVERS 3.5 HECTARES PER LOAD WITH 320 LITERS OF MIXTURE (BOTH HERBICIDE AND WATER).

B. BEST TACTICAL ROTARY WING SPRAY UNIT: THERE WAS A LOGICAL SPLITTING OF OPINIONS BETWEEN THE 212 SPRAY PILOTS AND THEIR 206-B SPRAY COUNTERPARTS. WHILE ONE AIRCRAFT IS MORE MANEUVERABLE, LESS EXPENSIVE TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE AND FLYS SLOWER AND LOWER, THE LARGER MODEL 212 HAS A LARGER PAYLOAD, TWO TURBINES FOR HIGH-RISK FLYING OVER THE MOUNTAINS, AND SPRAYS AT A HIGHER SPEED BUT ALSO HIGHER ALTITUDE. IN SUM, THE CONSENSUS WAS TO COMPRISE THE SPRAYING TASK FORCES OF BOTH TYPES OF RW SPRAY AIRCRAFT TO MEET ANY TERRAIN CONDITIONS. BOTH CAPTAINS SOLA AND PARTIDA (AG AERO SERVICES) COMPLAINED THEY HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED BY THE AG OFFICE PREVIOUSLY SO THAT THEY MIGHT PRESENT THEIR PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL JUDGEMENTS ON HERBICIDE SPRAYING. NOTE: CAPTAINS SOLA AND PARTIDA WERE THE TWO PILOTS WHO WORKED CLOSELY WITH AVIATION ADVISOR FORD DURING THE TESTING PERIOD OF THE HERBICIDES IN MID-OCTOBER OF 1975.

C. FOR FUTURE SPRAYING OPERATIONS, THE ONLY MANNER TO DETERMINE THE MOST EFFECTIVE MIXTURE OF CHEMICALS TO OBTAIN THE QUICKEST KILL WILL DEPEND ON CONTINUOUS TESTING IN THE FIELD AND MAKING THE PROPER ADJUSTMENTS TO COMPENSATE FOR VARYING CONDITIONS OF PLANTS, TERRAIN AND TEMPERATURE. THIS WILL REQUIRE CONTINUOUS FOLLOWUP GROUND INSPECTIONS OF SELECTED FIELDS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SPRAYING OPERATIONS TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS AND MINIMIZE THE RESPRAYING.

D. REDUNDANCY FACTOR: GIVEN THE NUMBER OF FIELDS REPORTED DESTROYED THROUGH SPRAYING OPERATIONS, THE REDUNDANCY FACTOR BECOMES CRITICAL. LIC. DURAN ZAMBRANO STATED HE THOUGHT THE REDUNDANCY FACTOR COULD BE AS HIGH AS 20 PERCENT, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION RESPRAYING (EITHER BY ACCIDENT OR DESIGN) AND THE HUMAN TENDENCY, IN SOME CASES, TO EXAGGERATE RESULTS. SENIOR STAFF MEMBER SOLIS HAD INDICATED ON A DIFFERENT OCCASION HE BELIEVED THE REDUNDANCY FACTOR COULD BE AS HIGH AS 15 PERCENT.

E. SENIOR STAFF MEMBER SOLIS IS ADAMANT THAT AS LONG AS THERE IS DOUBT CONCERNING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FIELDS DESTROYED, THE VERIFICATION SYSTEM IS DEFICIENT AND MUST BE IMPROVED THROUGH ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. THE STEERING COMMITTEE IS SYMPA-

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3. INTERDICTION

ZONE I - STATES OF SONORA, SINALOA, DURANGO AND CHIHUAHUA.

2. KILOGRAMS 60 GRAMS HEROIN

5 KILOGRAMS 385 GRAMS OPIUM GUM

1 KILOGRAM 967 GRAMS OPIUM SEED

3 TONS 93 KILOGRAMS 50 GRAMS MARIJUANA

2 KILOGRAMS 710 GRAMS MARIJUANA SEED

6 AUTOMOBILES

2 STATION WAGONS

2 TRUCKS

1 TRAILER TRUCK

51 DEFENDANTS (3 AMERICANS)

27 WEAPONS

16 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION

ZONE II - STATES OF JALISCO, NAYARIT, COLIMA,

ZACATECAS AND MICHOACAN.

796 KILOGRAMS 620 GRAMS MARIJUANA

1 MARIJUANA PRESS

20 DEFENDANTS (3 AMERICANS)

1 WEAPON

2 HYDRAULIC JACKS

4 MULES

6 BURROS

11 HORSES

15,500.00 COUNTERFIET DOLLARS

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ZONE III - STATES OF GUERRERO, MORELOS, & OAXACA

120 GRAMS OF MARIJUANA
2 TRUCKS
5 DEFENDANTS (3 AMERICANS)
4,900.00 U.S. DOLLARS
9 WEAPONS
83 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION

TOTAL CUMULATIVE INTERDICTION FIGURES (ALL 3 ZONES)

71 KILOGRAMS 694 GRAMS HEROIN
168 KILOGRAMS 375 GRAMS OPIUM GUM
9 KILOGRAMS 967 GRAMS OPIUM SEED
2 OPIUM PRESSES
220 GRAMS MORPHINE BASE
11 HEROIN CONVERSION LABORATORIES
13 KILOGRAMS 249 GRAMS COCAINE
4,090,000 DOSAGE UNITS MINI-BENNIES
23 GRAMS BENZEDRINE
122,500 D.U. BENZEDRINE TABLETS
30 D.U. DEXEDRINE
5 D.U. LSD
15 D.U. VALIUM
6 PILL PRESSES
1 KILOGRAM 360 GRAMS PEYOTE
185 D.U. AMPHETAMINES
550 D.U. MANDRAX PILLS
600 KILOGRAMS SECOBARBITAL
15,500,000 D.U. SECOBARBITAL
15,000,000 EMPTY CAPSULES
11 KILOGRAMS ADDITIVES FOR PILLS
1 SECOBARBITAL LABORATORY
6 KILOGRAMS 31 GRAMS HASHISH
142 TONS 409 KILOGRAMS 242 GRAMS MARIJUANA
270 KILOGRAMS 190 GRAMS MARIJUANA SEED
9 MARIJUANA PRESSES
30 GRAMS HALLUCINOGENIC MUSHROOMS
1 SHRIMP BOAT
184 AUTOMOBILES
6 STATION WAGONS
7 PICK-UP TRUCKS
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4 TRAILER TRUCKS
17 AIRCRAFT

961 DEFENDANTS
457 WEAPONS
193,585 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION
278 STICKS OF DYNAMITE
5-200 LITER DRUMS OF AVIATION FUEL
1,000 METERS OF IRRIGATION HOSE
3 PUMPS
3.5 LITERS ACETONE
1 CARTON PLASTIC BAGS
1 ROLL PLASTIC BAGS
9 HYDRAULIC JACKS
21 BEASTS OF BURDEN
15,500 COUNTERFEIT DOLLARS
4,900 U.S. DOLLARS

B. USE OF INTERDICTION VEHICLES

NO CHANGE FROM LAST REPORT.

G. MISSION ANALYSIS OF TRENDS

NO CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK.

4. COMMENTS:

DEA RECON FLIGHTS IN ZONE II AND III CONFIRM
INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY MEXICAN GOVERNMENT SOURCES THAT
THERE ARE ONLY A FEW OPIUM FIELDS LEFT IN THESE AREAS.
THE PROBLEM CONTINUES TO BE ZONE I WHERE WE ESTIMATE
THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 4,000 FIELDS LEFT AND THAT
MANY MORE FIELDS ARE BEING PREPARED FOR PLANTING.
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